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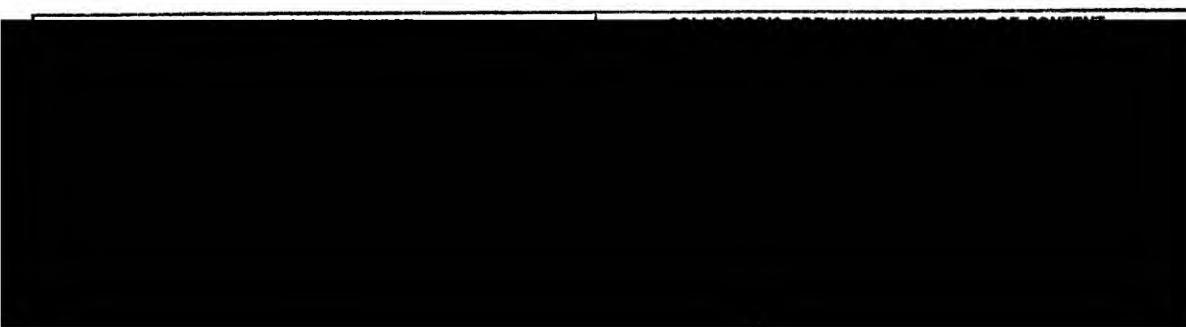
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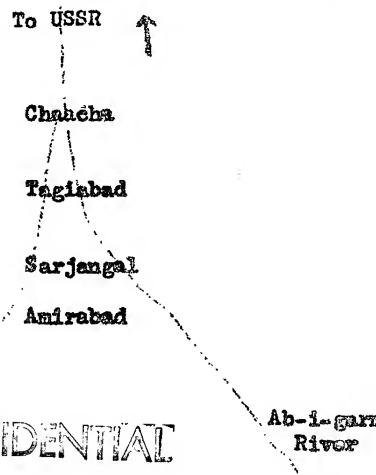
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1. [REDACTED] in approximately June 1950 a Soviet border guard commissar stated to the Iranian commissar at Qalestl that, according to a report from the Soviet mirab (inspector of water distribution), the water supply at the Iranian town of Chaacha (N36°36' E60°22'), flowing into the Soviet river Chaacha, had decreased and the Soviets desired a certificate from the Iranian commissar attesting to this fact.<sup>2</sup> The Iranian refused to comply, on the ground that the present supply of water in Iranian Chaacha was normal. Although a Soviet commissar, at the invitation of the Iranian official, inspected the water supply in this area, the Soviet continued to demand a certificate stating that the water flowing from Iran at Yeki Tut<sup>3</sup> was below normal. (In spite of this demand, informant states that the Soviet attitude toward the Iranians recently has improved considerably.)

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2. [REDACTED], two streams (one starting at Ab-i-Garm Mountain and the other at the village of Khovr), after coursing about 20 miles, join at Chaacha<sup>4</sup> and then flow into the USSR, forming the Chaacha River. See following sketch:

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Khovr (village)

Ab-i-Garm Mountain

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[redacted] although the amount of water apportioned to the Soviet Union has been determined by agreement, in reality the Soviets receive more than the amount specified.<sup>5</sup>

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[redacted] Comment. Possibly Kalat-i-Naderi (N36°36' E59°45') or Kalat (N37°01' E59°44').

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25X1A [redacted] Comment. [redacted] this unusual concern of the Soviets by the fact that they wished to protect themselves against any future Iranian complaints as to inequitable distribution of water.

25X1A [redacted] Comment. [redacted] to be approximately two miles from Khodja (sic).

25X1X [redacted] Comment. Soviet mirabs who inspect the streams flowing from Iranian Chaacha into the Soviet Union must report to the Iranian border guard post at Darband-i-Chaacha and are conducted under armed escort to Amirabad [possibly the Amirabad located at N36°35' E60°08'].

25X1A [redacted] Comment. [redacted] attributes this excess to the fact that the Iranian mirabs are afraid of the Soviets. In addition, in their attempt to extort bribes from the Iranian villagers the mirabs permitted more water to enter the Soviet Union than was specified in the agreement.

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